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In a meeting with the US ambassador on 13 March, Foreign Minister Aichi, clearly worried over US congressional reaction, expressed the fear that the adverse US response to the Japanese unilateral restraints proposal will "inevitably" have an effect on the reversion process. The Japanese Government is worried that in an atmosphere already soured by the textile issue, US senators from textile-producing states will oppose a reversion agreement and be able to muster sufficient support to prevent the necessary two-thirds approval of it.

The Japanese Government, on the other hand, is under considerable pressure in the Diet not to be too compromising on the ticklish reversion issues that have yet to be resolved, such as the status of US business interests and Voice of America facilities, as well as total compensation for US assets. Indeed, Aichi claimed that Diet members seem to be losing sight of Japan's obligations under the US-Japan mutual security treaty. Tokyo had been hoping to wrap up the reversion negotiations by 1 April, before local and national elections this spring, thus giving the US and Japanese legislatures adequate time to approve the agreement to permit reversion by early in 1972.

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[ARGENTINA: Violent strikes in Cordoba have created a new crisis for the Levingston government. Cordoba was declared an emergency zone yesterday when striking workers and students took over portions of the city and destroyed considerable property with firebombs. Although more than 300 were arrested and at least one person killed, police were unable to bring the situation under control. Radical political and labor leaders had sought to use the appointment of an unpopular provincial governor to provoke a confrontation with the government. The death of a worker in a well-organized general strike last Friday apparently provided the necessary setting.

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